

CITY *Visions*

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Are You Smart Enough For a Smart Card?

TRANSLINK, the Bay Area's One Card System for Public Transit, is conducting a 6 month pilot program. The Smart Card can be used at select locations on AC Transit, BART, Caltrain, Golden Gate Ferry Transit, Muni, and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

This card will allow you to access nearly every form of public transportation in the greater Bay Area. Translink is a plastic card that keeps track of your card's value on a small computer chip. Whenever you enter a participating public transit station or vehicle in the Bay Area, a Translink Card Reader will automatically deduct the fare of your trip from the value on your card.

"Value", or payments can be made at self service machines, certain retail outlets, by telephone, mail or internet, automatically through the Translink autoload program, or through participating ticket offices.

If you are interested in participating in the 6 month pilot program, please complete the online questionnaire at www.msimsi.com/scripts/qcweb.asp?action=starthtml&project=j138045 to see if you qualify, and sign up while you're at it. You can also call the recruiting company, MSI, at 888-853-2938. At the completion of the pilot program, Translink equipment will be installed at the remaining transit systems. Bay Area-wide deployment could begin mid-2002. Please drop by the Office of the City Clerk if you wish to pick up an information packet. ☺

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CITY FILES



ARE YOU READY TO E-FILE?

THE IRS is making new efforts to reach out to citizens and help them file their tax returns. Their website (www.irs.gov) provides forms you can print for your use and information about filing your return. They also provide forms and information for filing your returns electronically. Look for links at the bottom of the page to take you to your area of interest.

CONSIDER JOINING A COMMISSION OR BOARD

Are you interested in influencing City policy? If so, the City has a variety of different boards and commissions that will have openings this year including the Architectural Review Board, Bicycle Advisory Committee, Library Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Youth Advisory Committee

The City encourages you and needs you to become involved. If you are interested in serving your community, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 779-7259.

CITY BEGINS BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATION PROCESS

The City's annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation process begins in January. Project Applications from nonprofit agencies will be accepted until Friday, February 15, 2002. Eligible projects must: benefit low or very low income persons; help eliminate slum or blight; or meet an urgent community need such as a threat to community health or welfare for which no other funds are available. Programs that have received funding in the past include domestic violence shelters, senior services, youth services, and disaster preparedness.

The City of Morgan Hill has participated in the CDBG program since 1977 and anticipates receiving approximately \$36,600 for public service activities. For more information or to receive a Project Application packet, please call the Business Assistance and Housing Services Department at 776-7373.

PLEASE PARDON OUR CLUTTER...

...during the City's 6th annual "City Hall Cleanup Days" on Thursday, December 13th and Friday, December 14th. While we will be open for business on these days, it may seem a bit chaotic. City staff will be dressed a little more casually in order to sort files, box records for storage and dispose of documents that are no longer needed. Destruction of documents is based on the City's Records Retention Schedule, which is a carefully planned, systematic and consistently written policy governing the period of retention or the life-span of all types of records. It contains the legal authority for the disposition of City records in accordance with certain Government Code Sections and the Public Records Act. We thank you for your understanding, patience and cooperation during this time.





C O M M U N I T Y G U I D E

CHANNEL 17 PROGRAMMING GUIDE

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION:

12/5 7PM LIVE

12/6 NOON REPLAY

12/8 8PM REPLAY

12/9 NOON REPLAY

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION:

12/4 7PM LIVE

12/5 NOON REPLAY

12/8 8PM REPLAY

12/9 NOON REPLAY

2ND ANNUAL TEACHER

APPRECIATIONS CEREMONY

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

9AM & 4:00PM DAILY

FRIDAY 7:PM

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THE CITY ADDRESS 2001

11AM, & 5:30PM DAILY

FRIDAY 8:30PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

COMPOST WORKSHOP • DECEMBER 11

Attendees of Morgan Hill's Home Composting workshops discover the benefits of gardening using their own compost. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11th, from 7-9PM at the YMCA. To register for this free workshop, call the Home Composting Education Program at 299-4147.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED • DECEMBER 24 - JANUARY 2

See backside of this newsletter for garbage and recycling schedule.



CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR Dennis Kennedy	779-7259
MAYOR PRO TEMPORE Greg Sellers	778-2370
COUNCILMEMBER Larry Carr	779-9622
COUNCILMEMBER Hedy L. Chang	778-0511
COUNCILMEMBER Steve Tate	779-6992
CITY CLERK Irma Torrez	779-7259
CITY TREASURER Michael Roorda	778-3653

CITY EXECUTIVE STAFF

CITY MANAGER J. Edward Tewes
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FINANCE DIRECTOR Jack Dilles
HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR Mary Kaye Fisher
POLICE CHIEF Steve Schwab
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR Jim Ashcraft
RECREATION MANAGER Julie Spier



CONTACTING YOUR CITY

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8AM to 5PM

Address: 17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Animal Control	776-7300
Building Inspection	779-7241
Business Assistance & Housing Services	776-7373
City Clerk	779-7259
City Manager	779-7271
Environmental Programs	779-7247
Finance	779-7237
Fire Department (County Fire)	378-4010
Job Hotline	779-7276
Planning: Land Use / Zoning	779-7247
Police Administration	776-7315
Public Works	776-7337
Recreation	779-7271
Water	779-7221
Volunteer Programs	779-7278

City Hall Fax Number 779-3117

City Website: <http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov>

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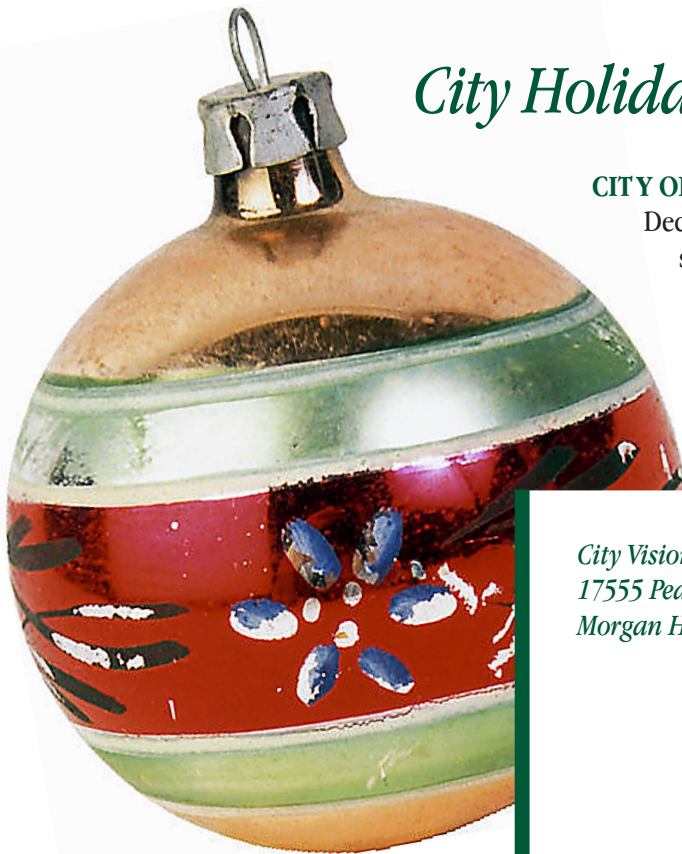
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Holiday Garbage Collection Schedule

SOUTH VALLEY Disposal and Recycling will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day. Monday customers will have normal service. Tuesday customers will be serviced on Wednesday. Wednesday customers will be serviced on Thursday. Thursday customers will be serviced on Friday. Friday customers will be serviced on Saturday. Please plan accordingly.

Remember, your Christmas tree can be recycled from December 26 through January 11. After the 11th, trees will only be picked up with your yard trimmings. Please remove all decorations and tinsel and cut your tree into three foot sections to prepare it for recycling. ♻️



City Holiday Schedule

CITY OFFICES will be closed for the City's annual furlough starting December 24 and will reopen on January 2. Public safety personnel will work throughout this period and utility service personnel and building inspectors will be available to provide limited services and respond to emergencies. 🏠

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